

WCGS NEWS
APRIL 1996

We had an excellent March meeting. Harry Lewis Thompson, Curator of the Port O'Plymouth Museum, talked to us of the Indians of early Carolina, and of the chances of some of us--of Colonial Albemarle families--having a bit of Indian blood. Working with a difficult subject, Harry did a superb job... as he always does, regardless of the topic. This was his third appearance before us during the past six or seven years. We look forward to many more.

Harry is now a member of WSGS. Rumor has it that he and veteran WCGS-er Vernon Everett were sitting in the Museum office(a railroad caboose) watching the rolling Roanoke, when one challenged the other to join "his" Society. Well, they "stared each other down". Vernon is now a proud member of the Washington County Historical Society, and Harry is one of us. Way to go, fellers!

NEXT MEETING

Programs/Publicity Chairman Virginia Haire announces..... "The program for April 21st meeting will be SOLVING OUR MOST FRUSTATING ANCESTRY PROBLEMS. Everyone is encouraged to bring one problem and we will all try to help. It may be helpful to bring some of your charts, records and reference lists(especially your oldest lines). Any one of us may have just what another is looking for since many are connected to the same family names.....Time will not permit us to work on more than one line each.... Who knows what might show up?"

The meeting will be, as usual, at the Washington County Library 3 O'Clock. Let those pesky ancestors who have lived in oblivion so long, Beware. We may be about to "find them out!"

April Journal

We hope to have the CIVIL WAR READER II back from the printers(it hasn't been taken yet...and today is Tuesday)in time to begin distribution at our meeting on Sunday. Alas, some of our articles didn't arrive in time to be typed before our typist had to leave on a 10-day trip. She warned us, but we didn't heed. Not her fault if we don't make our deadline". Let's get our articles in early next time. OK?

THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

We still have the August Journal to do, but let's look ahead to the December issue. We will run as much as possible on our area, and our ancestors, of the Revolutionary War. Please start thinking about it today; please start writing tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget Washington County Histotical Society's annual celebration of the Battle of Plymouth, this weekend, April 19-21. Tours, the Museum, lots of interesting folks to talk to, troops(please be kind to the Blue Coats), good music beneath brave flags....and much more. And in the midst of the fun, pause, now and then, and try to imagine Plymouth on that balmy weekend exactly 132 years ago.

WCGS won't have a booth at the "Weekend", but our publications will be available at the Museum's gift shop.

FAMILY HERITAGE WORKSHOPS

We had an announcement, followed by a nice phone call, from Mrs. Gene Roth of Creswell, about the workshops at the Library, Edenton, Friday April 26 & 27.

April 26. 10-Noon. Elizabeth Smith of East Carolina University's Joyner Library: Preservation of old papers, photos, etc. "You are invited to bring family documents that you have questions about preserving."

April 27. 9:30-Noon. Overview of the region's history, by Mary Ann Coffey(of Chowan County), and segments focusing on local sites and searches.

1:00-4:00. Gene Roth:" ..in depth search skills utilizing family and - public records, including the N.C. collections in local libraries."

"Please call the library(482-4112) to register by April 23 and indicate whether you wlii be joining the group at the Dram Tree for Saturday' s lunch".

HERITAGE QUEST ROAD SHOW

BARBARA REVELS reminds us tht there is still time to register for the ROAD SHOW, Martin Community College, April 23. \$30 per person(\$15 for each additional). For more info call: Jennifer Sheppard 792-5472. We understand that about 30 persons have registered.

DIRECTORS"MEETING

By the time you read this, the WCGS Board will have held its first Regular Meeting of '96. The general membership will soon vote for two(?) new directors.

BOOK PURCHASES

We have received a portion of the books ordered with "grant money". Presentation to the Library is pending.

An ALPHABETIZED ROSTER

Fellow-member Eugene Chesson gently chides the Society for not having an alphabetized roster. We certainly agree with you, Eugene, and promise such a listing by early autumn.

A DOZEN, AND DC

We now have members in twelve states and the "District of Columbia, an increase of one state over last year. Just think of Journal articles out there, from sea to shining sea, that will soon be rolling in! Our editor is excited! And will be SO appreciative.

TYRRELL: OFF AND RUNNING

The Tyrrell County Genealogical and Historical Society unveiled its very creditable first Journal in March. WCGSJ, as if assembled in Jeremiah Wynne's tavern of 1820, raises its brimming tankards in the toast: "Well done, 'Tyrrell Branches'. Good luck, long life, much fun".

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last "NEWS", we have welcomed the following. If we have overlooked anyone, please excuse; we will "make it up" next time.

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Ms. Lapp is researching GARRETT and YOUNG. Mrs. Davis: SWAIN, BRICKHOUSE, CHAPLIN, JONES, SMITHWICK.

QUERIES. QUERIES

Searching for FAIN, SUMNER, BATTLE, PARAMOUR, McMAHAN, SITICO, CAMPBELL, especially William Sumner Battle, all in Northeastern NC Revolutionary Period. Nicholas Fain and all six of his sons served during Revolution. Some records refer to Knobbs Creek. Reply to:
Sandra Faulkner, 26322 98th Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292.

Next six queries: Reply to Virginia C. Haire. 2276 Mt. Tabor Road
Creswell, NC 27928

Need info re: Hardy Woodley b. 1805ca. Lived South Fork Creek, Tyrrell Co. near Creswell, NC. m. (1) Asenath Alexander (dau. of Anthony). Children: Cyprian William, Mary Jand, Sarah Elizabeth.
m. (2) Ellen(?) per Tyrrell Census 1850
Have not been able to locate any prior ancestry of Hardy Woodley

Need connecting info re: Benjamin Hassell b. ca 1836, m. Lavina Spruill 1859. Children--Joe, Solomon, Ann Eunice, Mary Frances. Need name of parents of Benjamin(father was probably Benjamin also, but which one?) There are several Benjamins in the Hassell line which descended from Edward Hassell and Hannah Biggs m. 1676. Also need parents of Lavenia Spruill.

Job Comstock whose deed of gift is reg. in Washington Co. 17 Feb 1812 gave his property to Maria Comstock, alias Maria Chapman, and Louis Comstock, alias Louis Chapman. Need any info about them.

Thomas Owens b. Ca 1750, d. 1818. Wife Grace___?___, children Cynthia Owens (m. Asa Pritchett) and Isaac Owens. Very likely Thomas is son of John Owens who d. 1748. John's father William who d. 1710 in Norfolk Co., VA. Need info to prove Thomas son of John Owens; parents of Thomas' wife Grace.

Asa Pritchett(Pritchard) b. bef. 1780, m. Cynthia Owens 1806, d. 1835 in Tyrrell. Children: Clarky(m. Rowan Clough), Nancy(m. Buckman, Keziah, Caroline, Thomas, and Ephraim. Need info re Asa Pritchett.

Thomas Wynn d. 1757 Tyrrell County, wife Anna(?), first record Tyrrell 1720 court record--road overseer. Children: Jeremiah, Peter, others. Need to know about Anna and where Thomas came from.

(The above six queries from Virginia Haire)

Need parents of Charles W. Swain(1818-1900), m. Alvenia Spruill(1828-1892).
James R. Swain. 4227 Pea Ridge Road, Roper, NC27970

To Ronnie Comstock, Vernon Everett, Ray Newbury, and Loretta Phelps,
THANK YOU for getting your Journal articles to the Editor on time.

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